

Making a Hanging Sleeve with “Give” for Your Quilt – Option 1

Best method for quilts larger than baby quilt size

1. Measure the quilt width across the top edge.
2. Cut a piece of fabric $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by the quilt width.
3. Turn each **short** end under $\frac{1}{4}$ " twice. Stitch down to make a finished edge.
4. Fold the fabric, **wrong** sides together and raw edges matched, along the length and press a crease along the fold.
5. Open the fabric. Now bring each long raw edge to that pressed center fold and press new creases along those folds.
6. It is not necessary to keep the pressed center fold made in Step 4. Its only function was to provide a line for Step 5 without having to mark the fabric.
7. Now fold the long fabric **wrong** sides together and stitch along the long edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press the seam open without disturbing the creases pressed in Step 5.
8. When you fold the sleeve along the pressed folds made in Step 5, you will notice that the side with the seam is smaller than the side without. This “give” allows room for the hanging rod to go through without distorting the shape of the quilt front.
9. With the seam side down, center the sleeve across the width of the quilt and about $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the quilt’s top.
NOTE! Remember that quilts larger than 90" tall must have the sleeve attached with the top of the sleeve 86" from the bottom of the quilt to ensure the quilt will not touch the floor when on display.
10. Pin in place, putting pins at each end first to help keep the top of the sleeve straight. Do not “eyeball” the distance from the top of the sleeve to the top of the quilt when pinning. If the top of the sleeve is stitched on wavy, the quilt will not hang well.
11. Blindstitch in place along the folds of both long edges.
12. To make it impossible for a rod to push between the sleeve and the quilt (rather than through the sleeve), also blindstitch the bottom edges of each end.

Making a Flat Hanging Sleeve for Your Quilt – Option 2

Can be used for any quilt

13. Measure the quilt width across the top edge.
14. Cut a piece of fabric $8\frac{1}{2}$ " by the quilt width.
15. Turn each **short** end under $\frac{1}{4}$ " twice. Stitch down to make a finished edge.
16. With **wrong** sides together, stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the long raw edge.
17. Press the seam to one side. Press a crease along the fold on the other long side with the seam slightly rolled to one side.
18. With the seam side against the back of the quilt and at the bottom of the sleeve, center the sleeve across the width of the quilt and about $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the quilt’s top. **NOTE!** Remember that quilts larger than 90" tall must have the sleeve attached with the top of the sleeve 86" from the bottom of the quilt to ensure the quilt will not touch the floor when on display.
19. Finish with Steps 10-12 above.

Making a Flat Hanging Sleeve for Your Quilt – Option 2

For use with Miniature category quilts only

20. Make a flat hanging sleeve as described in Option 2 above. The only difference is in Step 14. Cut the fabric $4\frac{1}{2}$ " by quilt width rather than $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".